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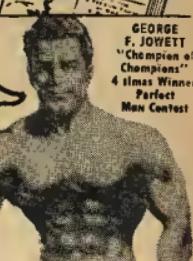
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BILLY THE KID

THIS KID IS GOOD!
DON'T SHOOT UNLESS
HE TRIES TO RUN.

I'M NOT RUNNIN', RIVERA --
NOT TILL I GET MY
MONEY!

THE OUTLAW'S TRAIL LED SOUTH,
OVER THE BORDER! A LAWMAN
WOULD'VE STOPPED AT THE RIO
GRANDE -- BUT BILLY THE KID
KEPT GOING, DETERMINED TO
GET ACE WILDER, THE MAN WHO'D
SLUGGED AND ROBBED HIM! HE
FOLLOWED HIM RIGHT TO THE PLACE
OF EVIL THE PEONS CALLED...

"RANCHO MALO"



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THE TRAIL TO RANCHO MALO BEGAN IN A TEXAS BORDER TOWN... BILL BONNEY WAS METHODICALLY CLEANING OUT A CROOKED GAMBLER!

I SAW YUH SHAKE
THE KING'S OUTA YORE SLEEVE,
WILDER! BUT I HOLD ACES
WITHOUT CHEATIN', I WIN
THE POT AGAIN!



YUH'RE CLEANED OUT,
WILDER! THANKS
A LOT!

YOU'RE A CHEAT,
BONNEY!



BILLY THE KID

LEAVE THE MONEY,
YUH... OOFF!

I FIGURED YUH
HAD A DERRINGER,
WILDER...



HAD ENOUGH, WILDER?
GOT ANY MORE HIDE-
OUT GUNS?

-I'M BEAT,
BONNEY,
DON'T RUB
IT IN!



BILL BONNEY SHOULD'VE KNOWN BETTER... BUT
HE WAS TOO HAPPY TO BE CAREFUL LEAVING
THE CAFE! AND HE PAID FOR HIS CARELESS-
NESS...



HE THOUGHT HE GOT THE BEST OF
ME! I STILL TAKE THE JACKPOT!
I'LL CROSS THE BORDER AND
HOLE UP AT RANCHO MALO!

BILLY THE KID RECOVERED AN HOUR LATER! AND AT
SUNDOWN HE WAS ALREADY ON THE TRAIL,
HEADED SOUTH...



BILLY THE KID

A YANQUI WITH
SHIFTY EYES
AND HANDS.
LIKE A WO-
MAN WENT
SOUTH,
SEÑOR!

MUCHAS
GRACIAS,
AMIGO!
HE'S NOT
FAR AHEAD
OF ME!

I HAVE SEEN
THAT MAN BEFORE...
AT RANCHO
MALO! THE
RURALES WILL
VISIT THERE
SOON! STAY
AWAY.

I'LL
CHASE
HIM
NO
MATTER
WHERE HE
GOES!
ADIOS,
AMIGO!

WILDER KNEW HE WAS BEING
FOLLOWED... BUT HE MADE
NO EFFORT TO SLOW HIS
PURSUER DOWN UNTIL HE
NEARED THE MOUNTAINS
AND FOUND FRIENDS...

WHOA, BOY. THEY MISSED!
BUT THEY MAY NOT
MISS AGAIN!





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BILLY THE KID

BILLY PUSHED ON! HE KNEW HE PASSED SENTRYES-- MEN WHO LET HIM GO IN ... BUT WHO WOULD SHOOT IF HE TRIED TO TURN BACK...

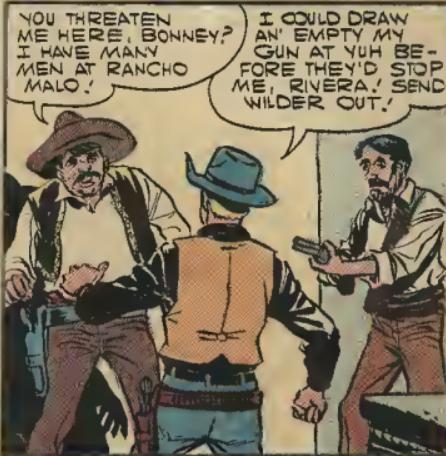
SO THAT'S IT! AN ABANDONED HACIENDA THE OWL-HOOTERS TOOK OVER! IF I HEARD RIGHT, NICK RIVERA RUNS THINGS HERE! I'LL SOON KNOW...

GET OFF THE HORSE, SONNY! DON'T TRY ANY TRICKS!

I'LL GET OFF, MISTER, BUT ...



BILLY THE KID



NICK RIVERA'S MEN WERE ALL AROUND BUT THE OUTLAW CHIEF HEARD THE WHISPER OF DOOM IN BONNEY'S SOFT VOICE...



I DIDN'T ASK RIVERA!
I TOLD HIM! I'LL TAKE
MY MONEY FOR A
START, WILDER!

LEGO! YUH CAN'T
GET AWAY WITH
THIS!



BILLY THE KID

BONNEY KNEW RIVERA WOULDN'T LET HIM RIDE OUT ALIVE / FROM WHAT HAD BEEN SAID, THE RURALES WERE ABOUT TO RAID THE PLACE...

THIS WON'T HELP YOU, RIVERA!

SHUT UP, YUH'D SIDE WITH THE RURALES IF I TURNED YUH LOOSE!

I KNOW WHAT YUH PLAN FOR ME, RIVERA! I'M NOT WAITIN'!



BILLY THE KID HUNTED CONER FAST! BUT THE FLYING LEAD WASN'T ALL SENT AT HIM / SOME OF IT WAS RURALE LEAD...

IT IS GOOD YOU ARE SAFE, SENOR! YOU GAVE US THE OPPORTUNITY TO CLOSE IN UNOBSERVED!

I'M GLAD I WAS USEFUL! RIVERA WON'T LAST LONG NOW.

POW!
BAM!



I SEE YOU HAD PRIVATE BUSINESS, SENOR! THE OTHERS HAVE SURRENDERED.

THAT'S GOOD! WILDER JUST SURRENDERED TOO -- HE SURRENDERED MY DOUGH.



LATER, NEAR THE TEXAS BORDER...

YOU LOOK HAPPY, SENOR! YOU SEE YOUR FRIEND?

YEAH -- HE'S IN JAIL WHERE HE CAN'T CHEAT ANY MORE HARMLESS YOUNG FELLERS LIKE ME! ADIOS, AMIGO!



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BILLY THE KID

IN TROUBLE IN 3'S

TWO BROTHERS HAD BUCKED BILL BONNEY'S BLAZING COLTS - NOW THE THIRD WAS READY TO DRAW! THEY'D BEEN BACKSHOOTIN' OWLHOOTERS WHO DESERVED THEIR FATE ... JUST AS TATE DESERVED HIS. BUT THEY HAD ONE THING IN COMMON, BILLY THE KID THOUGHT, THE SAME PARENTS! AND HE COULDN'T WIPE OUT AN ENTIRE FAMILY!



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BILLY THE KID ARRIVED IN TOMBSTONE FEELING FINE! BUT FIVE MINUTES AFTER HE GOT THERE, HE WAS MISERABLE...

YUH GUNNED DOWN KID COTTON I'M SURE OVER IN NEW MEXICO. HE SORRY, WAS MY BOY! AN' YUH MISTER! I SHOT WHITEY TATE! DIDN'T KNOW HE WAS MY THEY... SON TOO!

I GOT ONE SON LEFT, PINKY TATE! KEEP YORE GUNS AWAY FROM 'IM OR I'LL...

NHOA! I WON'T BOTHER HIM! TELL HIM YUH KEEP CLEAR O' ME!



BILLY THE KID

MILK AS
USUAL,
BILLY?

AIN'T YUH GOT A NURSERY
WHERE THE KID CAN
DRINK IT? HE AINT
GROWED UP ENOUGH TUH
HANG AROUND MEN!

I HAD
ENOUGH!

YUH CALL YORESELF A MAN?
YUH'RE A BORDER DRIFTER,
A NO GOOD BUM, CLARKE!



YOUR NAME
WOULDN'T BE
PINKY TATE
WOULD IT?

THAT'S
RIGHT,
BONNEY!
NOW PULL
A GUN OR
CRAWL!

THE CROWD KNEW THAT NO
MAN HAD EVER CHALLENGED
BILL BONNEY AND GOTTEN
AWAY WITH IT. BUT PINKY
TATE DID! BILLY THE KID
CRAWLED...

I KNEW YUH
WERE YELLA!
GO ON. BEAT
IT!

I WON'T
DRAW ON
YOU, TATE!
I'M LEAVIN'!

HEE, HEE! IT'S A GOOD
THING! YUH WOULDN'T
WIPE OUT THE THIRD
BROTHER,
WOULD YE,
BONNEY?



BILLY THE KID

BILLY THE KID WAS MAD BUT HE CONTROLLED HIS TEMPER. HE WATCHED TATE AND HIS GANG SWAGGER THROUGH TOWN UNCHALLENGED...

GET OUT OF THE WAY, DUDE! WE'RE TOP MEN IN THIS TOWN!

YEAH-- AN' BONNEY'S CUT DOWN TO SIZE!



KID COTTON'S NAME WAS ALVEREZ, WHITEY'S NAME WAS JONES, AND PINKY'S NAME IS TATE, BUT NO RELATION! THEY FOOL ED YUH, BILLY! NOW, DON'T GO SHOOTIN' THEM UP! TRY TUH KEEP THÉ PEACE!



I'VE BEEN THINKIN'-- KID COTTON AN' WHITEY TATE DIDN'T LOOK A BIT ALIKE! AN' PINKY TATE IS FROM THE MIDWEST! I'VE BEEN A CHUMP!



DO ME A FAVOR, JACK, FIND OUT THE REAL NAMES OF KID COTTON, WHITEY TATE AND PINKY TATE!

I ALREADY HAVE, KID! SOMEONE OVERHEARD THEIR 'FATHER' TALKIN' TO YUH!



BILLY THE KID FELT AS THOUGH A HUGE LOAD WAS LIFTED OFF HIS BACK! HE ACTUALLY SMILED, WHEN HE PASSED TATE AGAIN...

GIT OFF THE STREET, BONNEY, YUH BOTHER ME!

JUST AS YUH SAY, TATE! NO HARD FEELINGS!



WHEN BONNEY COMES BY, I'M GONNA MAKE 'IM DANCE A LITTLE!

HE'S HERE NOW, MISTER!



BILLY THE KID

WHERE!
I'LL...
HEY!

HA, HA! I COULDN'T
RESIST THE TEMPTATION.

DON'T DO IT, MISTER!
I'M WARNIN' YUH!

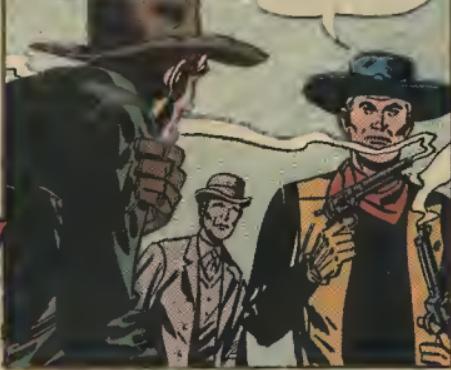


THE GUNMAN THOUGHT HE HAD BILLY! BUT NO
ONE KNEW HOW FAST BILL BONNEY COULD
BE! TWO COLTS ROARED AT ONCE AND...



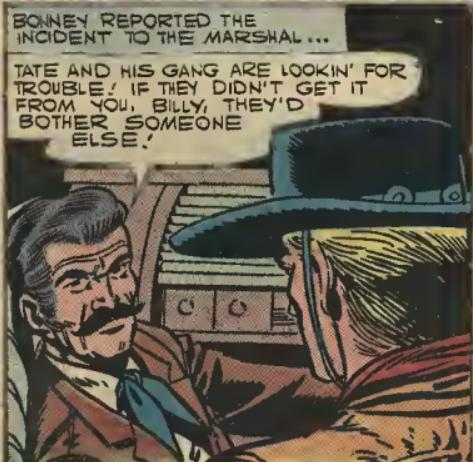
IT WAS A TRICK!
YUH COULDN'T...

GET YORE ARM
FIXED! TELL THE
DOC I'LL PAY
THE BILL!



BONNEY REPORTED THE
INCIDENT TO THE MARSHAL...

TATE AND HIS GANG ARE LOOKIN' FOR
TROUBLE! IF THEY DIDN'T GET IT
FROM YOU, BILLY, THEY'D
BOther SOMEONE
ELSE!



HEY, MARSHAL, PINKY TATE'S HOLDIN'
UP THE BANK! THEY SHOT MR.
ALDERS, THE BANK GUARD.'

COME
ON, BILLY!



BILLY THE KID

TATE HAD ONE MAN WATCHING THE MARSHAL'S OFFICE! A SLUG HIT THE LAWMAN AS HE STEPPED OUTSIDE THE DOOR...



EVERYONE HEARD PINKY TATE'S .45 CLICK AS HE COCKED IT! NO ONE REMEMBERED SEEING BILL BONNEY DRAW HIS COLT...



THANKS, BILLY! TATE AND HIS GANG WOULD'VE SHOT UP THE TOWN IF YOU WEREN'T HERE!

I DID WHAT I THOUGHT WAS RIGHT, MARSHAL!



EVEN THOUGH I KNEW TATE WASN'T A BROTHER OF THE OLD MAN MENTIONED-- I DIDN'T WANT TUH USE MY COLTS! RECKON I HAD TUH DO IT BUT I DON'T HAVE TUH LIKE IT!



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"I represent one of the leading newspapers in the East," said Walter Burns. "I know there is a top story in this town. But all I get are icy stares. Yesterday one of your leading citizens informed me that it just wasn't a healthy occupation asking too many questions. Come on, sheriff. Tell me what it's all about. The Nevada Terror is here to kill the Prince Albert Kid. Right or wrong?"

Sheriff John Feeny took the half smoked cigar from his mouth and placed it on the ash tray which was on the top of his open desk. He looked carefully at the visitor from the East.

"If the Nevada Terror kills the Prince Albert Kid, then you are right. If he doesn't, then you are wrong. But if bullets start flying in this town of Lodeville, and one gets you, then you might be dead."

The door to the sheriff's office was opened. In walked a man who was famous throughout the entire West. He wore a long Prince Albert coat. From his hips swung his two pearl handled Colt's .45. He looked at the two men and smiled.

"I thought somebody mentioned my name as I was passing by. So I stopped in to check."

"The name is Walter Burns," said the reporter. "My paper sent me here to get a story. About a shooting that's going to take place this afternoon. Please, tell me what it's all about?"

"Just relax a bit," suggested the Prince Albert Kid, "and I will be more than glad to help you. Most of the West is composed of good honest hard working citizens. They are miners, ranchers, hunters, soldiers, lawyers, doctors, business men, and those who have a bit of adventure inside of them. We also have what you might call 'Bad Men' back East. But sooner

or later the law catches up with them. They either spend a long time behind the bars of a jail or end up in Boot Hill. We have a few people that can be called, 'Want-to-be-Bad-Men.' A man by the name of Jack Higgins is in town. He comes from Nevedo. Calls himself the Nevada Terror. They say he is a crack shot. I never saw him shoot a gun. They say that if I enter the Big Drink Casino at three this afternoon, he will be there. And that he will kill me. Why? Because Jock Higgins thinks he will make a reputation for himself as the biggest Bad Man of the West."

"Are you going to be inside that place at three this afternoon?" interrupted the reporter.

"I represent the law," continued the Prince Albert Kid. "I go wherever I may lawfully go. If Jock Higgins tells me he has challenged me to a shooting match, I shall arrest him. The invitation to a duel or the duel itself are both illegal in this state. Simple isn't it?"

Before the reporter could decide how to answer that last question, the famous man of the West had left. He was about to follow him when he felt the restraining hand of the sheriff.

"Stay here and be my guest. Have lunch with me. Then at about two thirty I will escort you to the Big Drink Casino."

In a room of the Lodeville Hotel, a big powerful man was seated at a table. Across his left cheek was a scar. On the table was his gun belt. In his hands he held his two revolvers. There was a knock on the door.

"Come on in," said Jock Higgins. "There are two guns facing you. State your business and then leave."

A tall thin young man entered and looked at the two guns. He ignored them and spoke.

"You know me, Jack Higgins. My name is Pete Conal. I once thought I was the top man in Tombstone. Got into a gun fight and was arrested by the Prince Albert Kid. He took me to the county seat. I was tied on my horse. A mountain lion went for me. He killed that critter with one shot right between the eyes. I didn't even see him go for his gun. Sure, I spent three years behind bars. I learned a lot. Now I stick to the right path. Just remember this. He saved my life. I have no grudge against him. If you want to die today, you are going to do that because you can't win. If you do kill the Prince Albert Kid, the law will get you with a lot of his friends to help track you down wherever you go. That's all."

Jack Higgins looked silently at the departing figure. Then he holstered both of his guns and went downstairs. In the lobby, he saw a stout man that looked familiar.

"Hello, Jed," he said to him.

"Hello, Jock," replied the other man. "They told me you were here. Walk with me to the side where we will be alone. Something I want to tell you."

Jack Higgins walked with Jed Simpson to a side entrance and they were alone. He was a bit upset.

"Time is running short, so I'll say my piece and it will be brief," began Jed Simpson. "I am a rancher now and only do things the honest way. When I was serving my term, I escaped. The Prince Albert Kid went after me. Found me in the desert. On the way back we went smack right into the middle of a group of renegade Apaches. I saw him handle those guns. You'll be dead before you even touch a gun. And don't think that if you could even get a lucky shot, you would live. I got six of my boys from the ranch 'n town with me. Get out of here, you fool, before it's too late."

With that warning, Jed Simpson left Jack Higgins. The Bad Man was shaken. He walked along the Main Street conscious that every eye was on him. Then he entered the Big Drink Casino. Men backed away from him as though he were the plague. He looked around for one friendly face. Every person there was definitely hostile to him. He wet his lips. The door was opened and in walked the Prince Albert Kid. Jack Higgins knew it was now or never.

"I am going to count three. We both go for our guns," he challenged. "The West will know who is the better man. They . . ." he stopped talking. You could see his eyes had a startled look in them. And why not?

For there were no six shooters in the two holsters worn by the Prince Albert Kid. He was unarmed! Jack Higgins started to tremble. He had never anticipated such a situation.

"The moment you go for your guns, I will

place you under arrest for creating a disturbance in a public place," said the Prince Albert Kid. "I don't need guns for your kind. Believe me, before you get your gun out of your holster, I will get it myself."

You could have heard a pin drop in that place. Every man was tense. For this kind of a show down they had not been prepared. They had expected the famous man of the West to show some of his best shooting. The Prince Albert Kid came closer to Jack Higgins.

"You are nothing but a fool," he told him. "Yet you got yourself into this situation. Figured that people would respect you if you shot me. Sort of caught, aren't you? That's not a bad sign, either. You would have to be a rattlesnake to kill an unarmed man. So that means there is some good in you. Listen carefully. Put your hands up and I will remove your guns. Otherwise you will never make it."

Jack Higgins could feel the sweat going down his forehead. If wishes could do things, he was wishing himself a million miles away. He started to lift his two hands up to the ceiling. Then he suddenly changed his mind. Down they went for the guns in his holsters.

Like a mountain lion poised for the jump, the Prince Albert Kid went into action. His right hand caught the left hand of Jack Higgins. He pulled the Bad Man down and then up. And he spun him around twice and at the same time went for the gun in the left holster. Jack Higgins hit the floor dazed. He was facing his own gun in the hand of the Prince Albert Kid.

"Go ahead and kill me," he pleaded. "I got it coming to me. I'll be the laughing stock of the West."

"No you won't, my son," said the voice of an old man who came up to him. "I tried my best to knock some sense into your head. He could have killed you. I pleaded with him to spare you. He has real guts. Gunless guts! He's a man even without a gun. Now come on home with me and try to spend the rest of your days learning to be a real man not a fake Bad Man."

Jack Higgins took the hand of his father and started to leave the Casino. The Prince Albert Kid went up and handed back the gun to him.

"I'm not arresting you," he told him. "You have a lot of things to straighten out with yourself. When you are ready, get in touch with me. I'll help you."

Within twenty years, Jack Higgins became a successful business man in the West. He never carried a gun with him. He had learned an important lesson of life: "The greatest weapon a man can carry is the confidence of being on the right side of the law."

BILLY THE KID

SATAN'S CORNER

NO ONE WAS SAFE IN SATAN'S CORNER! MIKE ZERO DEMANDED TRIBUTE FROM EVERY MAN PASSING THROUGH... AND FROM DUDES LIKE JOE HEALY, HE TOOK EVERYTHING! BUT HE LEARNED TOO LATE THAT THE BULGE UNDER THE DUDE'S ARMPIT WAS A SIXGUN, NOT A TOURIST'S GUIDE...



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I DON'T GET IT, MIKE! WE CAN'T MAKE MONEY HERE!

LOOK AROUND! CATTLE BUYERS COME THROUGH -- RANCHERS WHO SELL THEIR HERDS PASS BY! WE'LL TAKE OUR CUT FROM THEM ALL!



BILLY THE KID

THEIR FIRST VICTIM WAS A MIDDLE-AGED RANCHER NAMED WILSON. HE WAS EASY...

JUS' A MINUTE! I'M SLEEPY...BUT I SAW THAT! YOU'RE A CARD SHARP! GIMME BACK MY MONEY!

THROW HIM OUT IN THE STREET! WHEN HE COMES TO, TELL HIM TO BEAT IT OUT OF TOWN

MONTHS PASSED... ZERO PROSPERED AND THE TOWNS. PEOPLE WERE AFRAID TO OBJECT! THEN JOE HEALY HIT TOWN... ANOTHER DUDE FOR MIKE ZERO TO ROB...



IS THERE A HOTEL WHERE I CAN SLEEP? I'M HERE TO BUY CATTLE AND I PLAN TO STAY ABOUT A WEEK!

SURE, OVER THE ELITE CAFE! HAVE A CIGAR! MY NAME IS MIKE ZERO! LIKE POKER?



NOT PARTICULARLY! I JUST WANT TO WASH UP AND...

LOOK DUDE-- I OFFERED A SOCIALE GAME! YUH GONNA TURN ME DOWN?

I'M SORRY, MR. ZERO! I'LL... I'LL PLAY A FEW HANDS!

THAT'S BETTER! LET'S GO, AL!



BILLY THE KID

MIKE DIDN'T WASTE ANY TIME BEING POLITE

I'M BETTING A THOUSAND, STRANGER! CALL?

NO, BUT THE DEALER MADE A LITTLE MISTAKE...

...HE'S GOT CARDS UP HIS SLEEVE! BACK EAST THEY CALL THAT CHEATING.

LEGO MY ARM!

JUST A MINUTE! YOU SAYIN' I TRIED TUH SWINDE YUH, YUH WANT TO PLAY OR FIGHT?

I'LL PLAY CARDS! JUST SO THE GAME'S ON THE LEVEL! BACK EAST WE ALWAYS PLAY HONEST.



THE KING OF SATAN'S CORNER WANTED TO GET IT OVER WITH! HE BET HIS PILE AND REACHED FOR THE POT! HE DIDN'T CARE IF HE HAD HIGH HAND OR NOT...



MY ACE BEATS YOURS...) I KNOW YOUR HOLE CARD, ZERO-- IT'S NOT TOO HIGH TO BEAT!



GOT ANY MORE ACES? REMEMBER...



BILLY THE KID

...I'M DEALING
I'LL TAKE THIS
POT! SEE YOU
BOYS AROUND
SOME TIME!

ENJOY
YOURSELF,
MISTER!
I'LL GET
EVEN MY
WAY!

MIKE ZERO HAD LOST MONEY
AND PRESTIGE IN THAT
GAME. HE WANTED BOTH
BACK FAST...

HE'S IN HIS ROOM.
YOU AND GRIZZLY
TAKE HIM GOOD.

OKAY,
MIKE--
BUT IF
HE GETS
THAT GUN
WORKING
AGAIN, IT'LL
BE BAD.

HE'S ASLEEP!
I'VE BEEN
WATCHIN' THE
BED. HE
HASN'T
MOVED IN
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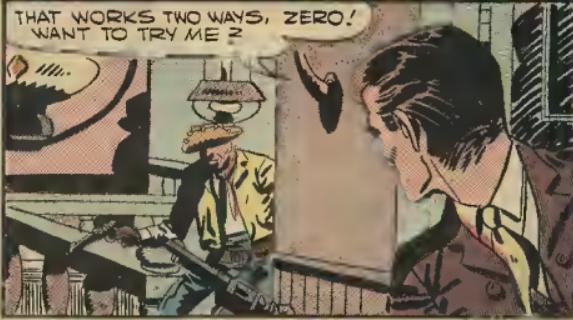
YOUR SIZE DOESN'T
BOTHER ME,
JUNIOR!



THAT TENDERFOOT'S TOUGH! BUT A
SLUG WILL STOP HIM SAME AS IT
WILL ANYONE!



THAT WORKS TWO WAYS, ZERO!
WANT TO TRY ME?



MIKE
ZERO
WAS
FAST
AND
DEADLY...
AND HE
ALREADY
HAD
HIS
GUN
OUT;
HE
WHIRLED AND...



YOUR NUMBER'S UP
NOW, MIKE ZERO!

I TOLD YOU, DAD! MR. ZERO WILL
BE GLAD TO REFUND YOUR MONEY!
AFTER THE LAW GETS THROUGH WITH
HIM, HE'LL REFUND A LOT OF MONEY!

WHO... WHO
ARE YOU?
THOUGHT YUH
CAME FROM
BACK EAST?



HE DOES! ABOUT SEVENTY FIVE
MILES EAST OF HERE WHERE HE
RUNS MY RANCH! WHEN YOU
ROBBED ME, ZERO, YUH TOOK
MY SON ON TOO! AN'
HE'S ROUGH!



END

BILLY THE KID

IN THE BAD ACTOR

THE FOLKS AT SANTOOTH JUNCTION KNEW BILLY THE KID TO BE THE HARDEST-RIDING, FASTEST-DRAWING FIGHTER FOR THE UNDERDOG! SO WHEN THEY SPOTTED THE FAMILIAR FIGURE HEADING INTO TOWN THAT COOL SEPTEMBER MORNING, THEY READIED THEMSELVES TO GREET THE KID AS A FRIEND.



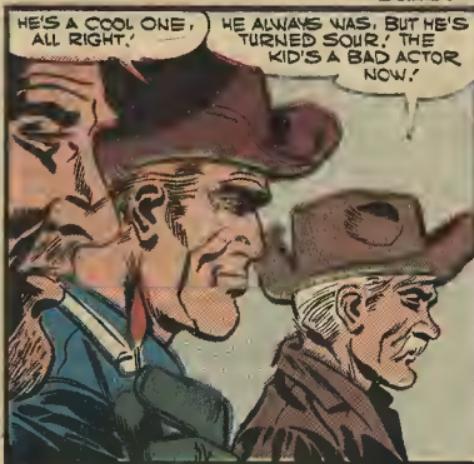
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BILLY THE KID



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...AND THEY CLEARED
LEATHER FIRST...

STAND FAST,
KID!

YOU'RE A FOOL, KID, IF YOU RECKONED
SO FAST ON OUR FORGETTIN' HOW YOU
CLEANED THE BANK OUT!



BANK? WHAT'RE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT?

STOP PLAYING
DUMB! NOW
EITHER YOU MOSEY
ALONG TO THE
LOCK-UP UNDER
YOUR OWN POWER...

...OR THE BOYS WILL BE
CARRYIN' YOU THERE
AFTER I SQUEEZE
TRIGGER!

YOU'RE MAKING
A BIG MISTAKE,
FRIENDS!

ONLY MISTAKE
WE EVER
MADE WAS
EVER TO
THINK YOU
WERE OUR
FRIEND!



BILLY THE KID



BILLY THE KID

AND SO...

HE'S LEFT A CLEAR TRAIL! THE KID'S BAD-ACTIN' DAYS ARE GOIN' TO BE OVER RIGHT-SOON!



BUT AFTER FOUR DAYS OF RIDING IN CIRCLES...

HE GOT AWAY THIS TIME, RECKON,
WE BETTER START HEADIN'
BACK FOR TOWN!



AT THAT MOMENT, BACK IN SAW-TOOTH JUNCTION...

KID?

NOBODY ELSE!



I GAVE THE POSSE THE
SLIP AND HIGH-TAILED
STRAIGHT BACK HERE!



AND NOW I AIM TO TEACH THIS
TOWN A LESSON FOR TRYING
TO LOCK ME UP! A LESSON
THAT IT'LL NEVER FORGET...



BILLY THE KID

AS OF NOW, I'M TAKING OVER ALL THE LESSON - TEACHING HEREABOUTS, MISTER!

TWO KIDS! THEY LOOK AS MUCH ALIKE AS TWINS! WHICH ONE OF 'EM IS THE REAL KID?



I SHOOK THE POSSE OFF MY TRAIL RIGHT-QUICK! AFTER THAT, A LITTLE MOSYEY-AROUND WAS ALL I NEED-ED TO FIND OUT THAT YOU'RE THE BAD ACTOR!

YOU USED TO ACT ON THE STAGE BACK EAST UNTIL THE LAW FOUND OUT THAT YOU WERE A BANK ROBBER ON THE SIDE! WHEN YOU CAME OUT HERE, YOU FOUND OUT THAT YOU LOOKED A LOT LIKE ME -- AND THAT I WAS OUT OF TOWN FOR A SPELL...

BEING A GOOD HAND WITH GREASE PAINT, YOU SAW YOUR CHANCE TO PULL OFF A PASSEL OF JOBS, AND HAVE PEOPLE THINK IT WAS ME! BUT THEN YOU HEARD THAT THE REAL KID HAD SHOWED UP IN SAWTOOTH JUNCTION, AND NOW HAD A POSSE HOT ON HIS TRAIL...



... IT WASN'T HARD TO FIGURE OUT YOUR NEXT MOVE! A QUICK VISIT TO SAWTOOTH JUNCTION WHILE THE POSSE WAS STILL OUT! A VISIT THAT WOULD RILE THE POSSE UP EVEN MORE WHEN THEY CAME BACK EMPTY-HANDED!



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BILLY THE KID

... RILE THEM UP SO THAT THEY'D GET RIGHT BACK ON MY TRAIL, AND STAY ON IT UNTIL THEY TOOK ME IN A TRIGGER-SQUEEZING SHOWDOWN!

... AND THEN YOU'D NEVER HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT COMING FACE TO FACE WITH THE REAL KID!



I'M THE REAL ONE! I'M YOUR FRIEND. HE'S JUST MAKING OUT HE'S...

THAT'S A LIE! I'M THE REAL KID!

THAT'S THE ONE WHO BROKE AWAY FROM US! SEE HOW HIS SOMBRERO'S NICKED WHERE MY SHOT GRAZED IT! BUT...

KID'S TURNED AWAY! NOW'S MY CHANCE!



BILLY THE KID



YOU'RE THE KID, ALL RIGHT! NOBODY ELSE COULD HAVE SQUEEZED OFF A FAST SECOND SHOT LIKE THAT ONE BUT BILLY THE KID!

I'M RIGHT-GLAD EVERYTHING'S STRAIGHTENED OUT! GOT ONLY ONE THING TO SAY NOW...

IT SURE FEELS GOOD TO BE AMONG FRIENDS AGAIN!

WE'LL THROW A HUMDINGER OF A PARTY FOR YOU TONIGHT, KID-- THAT'S FOR SURE!



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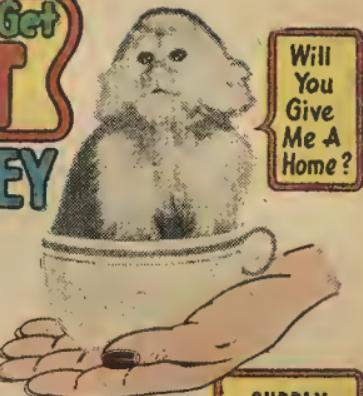


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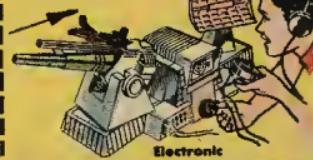
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